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## B. Montgomery to J. E. Davis

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For C. Davis Esq  
Vicksburg  
Miss



Hammond Dec 30th 1864

Kind Sir:

I have not written since the receipt of your advice of 19th inst. The early arrival of the Steamer Lee, <sup>last trip</sup> presented me from writing by that boat. And which boat failed down through the cut off on its downward trip back, so we receive no mail. It is reported that the great depth of water on the bar forming just below the upper end of the cut off, is all due to the cause of that boat's failure to run around the Bend as usual.

I have not written of the Donp. Good since the receipt of your last advice. So I have ventured to inform the people here that ~~the~~ place will be rented the coming year at \$4 to \$6 per acre



rates varying according to locality, that  
is to say <sup>for</sup> the low lands, sloughs <sup>that are</sup> ~~are~~ likely to be lost  
by water the charge will be less, and in renting  
such land I shall try to induce the lessees  
to ditch in order to secure as much of the  
slough land as possible.

Since making the terms known many parties  
seem dissatisfied and prominent among the  
agitators are Ben Orsley, Philip Gaiter -  
Geo. Henry & Isaac Brown & others who have or  
propose looking out for more favorable arrange-  
ments, I shall notwithstanding, work all I  
can and cause the balance, if possible, to  
be worked at the price offered, feeling  
satisfied of having made just offer and  
dealt fairly with the people I entertain no fears  
of the result.

I saw Charles Mc, from Dr Mitchell's  
place who informed of the intention of



some of the young men leaving that  
place, which I think against their interest  
to do so, and have advised Charles  
to that effect. If they will remain  
together and work they can make  
something, as well as save the place  
from going to destruction.

In the course of a week or ten days  
I hope to be able to say more about  
future arrangements.

Yours and sister's

Orin

P.S.

I saw E. D. Pittman's order con-  
cerning vagrants, which has been read  
to the people here.

In one of the Vicksburg papers I noticed  
that the planting of Early Nottingham corn  
is recommended. I should like to



learn your view of the proposition,  
as well as the character of the  
Comm.

Mr Jay C. Lavin  
Vicksburg Miss

Since writing the above Geo Green  
has informed me that the report of his intention to  
leave here is without foundation <sup>in truth</sup> and he says that  
he is not aware of such being the intention of  
either of his brothers.

The other <sup>mentioned</sup> expressed dissatisfaction which  
presumably will not amount to much.  
The only difficulty I fear is that of obtaining  
necessary supplies until we can raise something

Very

4981  
Lemuel Perry